been done on the basis of rate of economic growth or development.

(c) to (e) The Scheme of Backward Districts/Area Fund, is still to be formulated and approved.

Loans to unemployed graduates

†2828. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banks are providing loans to the unemployed graduates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for self-employment; and

(b) if so, the number of youths belonging to SC/ST category who were provided bank loans during the last three years, State-wise and Bank-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) the information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Representations against service tax

2829. SHRIMAT IJAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representation from various sections of industry/society regarding imposition of service tax, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether it is also a fact that service tax is largely considered as tax on the inefficiency etc., of service rendered;

(c) whether Government propose to review the levy of service tax; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No Madam. There have been some

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.